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PLAINTIFF VERDICTS, SETTLEMENTS AND BENCH JUDGMENTS IN 2009

1	\$89 million VERDICT	WRONGFUL DEATH <i>Hodge v. Zerna</i>	FRANLIN COUNTY Judge Cynthia Eckelkamp	WINNING ATTORNEYS Steve Bronson and Mark Bronson	OPPOSING COUNSEL Kevin Clark
2	\$65 million SETTLEMENT	MUNICIPAL TAXES <i>State of Missouri v. SBC Communications Inc.</i>	ST. LOUIS CITY Judge Edward Sweeney John W. Hoffman, Stephen Tillery, Douglas R. Sprong, Steven A. Katz	WINNING ATTORNEYS John F. Mulligan Jr., Howard Papernot, Sharon Rosenberg, John Medler	OPPOSING COUNSEL Stephen Higgins, Anunda Hettinger
3	\$42 million BENCH AWARD	CONTRACTS <i>President Casinos Inc. v. Columbia Sussex Corp.</i>	U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EDMO Judge Henry Autrey	WINNING ATTORNEYS Joseph D. Pizzaro, John C. Balzano, Nancy E. Delaney, Priya Swaminathan, Shannon McNulty, Timothy N. McCabe, James W. Erwin, Lawrence C. Friedman, Mark V. Bossi	OPPOSING COUNSEL Brian Walsh, Gregory Willard, David Luce, Gerard Carmody, Kevin Murphy
4	\$18 million BENCH AWARD	CONTRACTS <i>Tiburzi v. Holmes Transport Inc.</i>	U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EDMO Judge David Nove	WINNING ATTORNEYS James Whaley	OPPOSING COUNSEL Gary Wiseman
5	\$16.8 million SETTLEMENT	BUSINESS FRAUD <i>Seaboard Corp. v. Grindrod Limited</i>	JACKSON COUNTY Judge Sandra Midkiff	WINNING ATTORNEYS Patrick Stueve, Rachel Schwartz	OPPOSING COUNSEL John Kimball, Richard Modin, Robert Jester
6	\$15.3 million VERDICT	MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION <i>Wei Wu v. Ryder Truck Rental Inc.</i>	ST. LOUIS CITY Judge Thomas Grady	WINNING ATTORNEYS Michael Stokes	OPPOSING COUNSEL Byron Bowles, Daniel Rabbitt, Anne Warren, Willie Eggs Jr.
7	\$15 million SETTLEMENT	MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION <i>Wambacher, as class representative, v. American Heritage Life Ins.</i>	JACKSON COUNTY Judge Michael Manservigi	WINNING ATTORNEYS Gregory Lryh, Christopher Miller	OPPOSING COUNSEL Phillip Stano, Robert Hoffman, Cathy Dean
8	\$12 million SETTLEMENT	WRONGFUL DEATH <i>Davis v. Boardwalk Apartments, L.C.</i>	JACKSON COUNTY	WINNING ATTORNEYS Michael S. Ketzmark, Andrew J. Nantz	OPPOSING COUNSEL William Crawford, Jennifer Price
9	\$10 million BENCH AWARD	PERSONAL INJURY <i>Kendall v. Rendall</i>	JACKSON COUNTY Judge Joel May	WINNING ATTORNEYS Scott A. McCreight, Michael S. Ketzmark	OPPOSING COUNSEL John Graham Jr., Pamela Brown, Patrick Fanning
10	\$9.5 million SETTLEMENT	PERSONAL INJURY <i>Confidential v. Confidential</i>	ST. LOUIS CITY Brendan Ryan (Mediator)	WINNING ATTORNEYS John G. Simon, Rachel L. Roman, Stephanie H. To, Daniel T. Ryan, Matthew Rossiter	OPPOSING COUNSEL Confidential
11	\$7.3 million BENCH AWARD	HARASSMENT <i>Doe III v. Doe IV</i>	JACKSON COUNTY Judge Roger Prokes	WINNING ATTORNEYS Rebecca Randles, Luis Mata, Dan Curry	OPPOSING COUNSEL Beth Boggs
12	\$6.2 million VERDICT / SETTLEMENT	CONTRACTS <i>Costco Wholesale Corp. v. Midwest Engineering Services Inc. and BW Builders Inc.</i>	ST. LOUIS CITY Judge James Hartenbach	WINNING ATTORNEYS Steven Cockriel	OPPOSING COUNSEL Edward Meyer, Lawrence Grebel
13	\$6.1 million VERDICT	WRONGFUL DEATH <i>Blankenship v. SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital</i>	ST. LOUIS CITY Judge Lisa Van Amburg	WINNING ATTORNEYS David Zevan, Kevin Davidson	OPPOSING COUNSEL Kenneth Bronson, Wendy Wolff
14	\$5.6 million VERDICT	BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY <i>Smith v. Shocker</i>	ST. LOUIS COUNTY Judge Carolyn Whittington	WINNING ATTORNEYS Robert Selsor, Alice Dickbenber	OPPOSING COUNSEL Vince Vogler
15	\$5 (tie) million SETTLEMENT	MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION <i>Gatson v. Dohm Transfer Co.</i>	LIVINGSTON COUNTY William Sanders (mediator)	WINNING ATTORNEYS James A. Montee, Gale H. Carpenter	OPPOSING COUNSEL Brett Williams, Lawrence Grebel
15	\$5 (tie) million SETTLEMENT	WRONGFUL DEATH <i>Bradford v. Seeler</i>	ST. LOUIS COUNTY Judge Thomas Prebil	WINNING ATTORNEYS Morry S. Cole, Joan Lockwood	OPPOSING COUNSEL Charles Sindel
15	\$5 (tie) million VERDICT	PERSONAL INJURY <i>Kennedy v. Dart Advantage Warehousing Inc.</i>	U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EDMO Judge John Stohr	WINNING ATTORNEYS Mark Floyd	OPPOSING COUNSEL James Folland, Patricia Mullins-Freeman
15	\$5 (tie) million SETTLEMENT	FDCPA VIOLATION <i>Lange, individually and on behalf of all others similarly-situated v. American First financial Inc.</i>	ST. LOUIS COUNTY Judge John Ross	WINNING ATTORNEYS Max G. Margolis, Brian J. Wanca, Philip A. Bock	OPPOSING COUNSEL J. Richard McEachern